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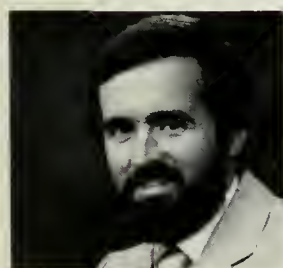
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## EDITORIAL



In London, Ontario, where I pastored a church for eight years, there is a Church of Satan.

Two years ago, at the provincial conference of the Satanists the

London church was honoured for its distinguished achievements. That year, the Satanists had prayed to Satan for the elimination of a select list of London's evangelical leaders from the Christian ministry through immorality or marriage and family breakdowns! In one year, they succeeded in seeing five of our finest, five on their list, forced to leave the ministry! What a victory for Satan that was.

Never in my life have I sensed the reality of our spiritual warfare as during these last two years. The enemy has brought out his most destructive weapons and levelled

them directly at marriage and families, God's style. Our country, churches and homes are devastated by divorce, homosexuality, abortion, commonlaw unions, suicide, wife-beating, child abuse, runaway teenagers, etc., each bearing the trademark of the Evil One.

War has been declared. All around us, scores are falling like flies. To fight back with carnal weapons is to invite defeat. It is a spiritual battle. It demands spiritual weapons. Many of these are featured in the following articles. This issue is dedicated for God's glory not only for your survival but also for your blessing in the midst of this raging conflict.

*"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds."*  
2 Corinthians 10:4.

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# Godliness in the Home



Three imperatives for Christian living are set forth in Ephesians chapter five. "Be imitators of God" (5:1), "Walk in the light" (5:8), "Be filled with the Spirit" (5:18).

To impress upon us the practicality of these appeals, the apostle Paul draws our attention to the most common human relationships – husband-wife, parent-child, servant-master. How a wife relates to her husband, how a father treats his children are "grass-roots" demonstrations of being "God-like" or "Spirit-filled".

## **Directive to Children (6:1-3)**

The relationship of husband and wife properly precedes the parent-child relationship. The former determines the latter. Adherence to God's directives for relating to one's life-partner will determine the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the parent-child relationship.

The responsibility of children to parents is expressed in obedience (6:1) and honour (6:2). There is an essential connection between these terms. Obedience is related to what parents say while honour is related to what parents are. Obedience may exist without honour but there can be no honour without obedience.

Honour has primary reference to one's inner disposition. In the Old Testament, this term was expressive of reverence, of fear mingled with love. The common usage was applied to God as a great and holy Being to be held in reverence. It denoted an attitude of respect for His position. When applied to parents, the meaning is that of respect, courtesy, reverence for the parents because of their position. 1 Kings 2:19-20 records King Solomon's expression of this kind of homage to his mother.

When this disposition exists in the heart, obedience will follow. Obedience indicates a listening with intent to comply with what is heard. The same identical term describes the duty of servants (6:5). It is also very close in meaning to the submission required of wives (5:22). The greatest example of this duty is found in the life of our Lord who was "subject to his parents" (Luke 2:51).

The precepts of honour and obedience are set in a special context "in the Lord". If this phrase "in the Lord" modified parents,

one could conclude honour and obedience is only an obligation to Christian parents. If the phrase is tied to obey, then it might be concluded that obedience is confined to "spiritual" matters. Probably the best sense is to understand "in the Lord" broadly as a reference to the position of the parents. Parents stand in the place of God to the child. Therefore, the obedience of the child to the parents is "in the Lord" because this is God's will. When children obey their parents, they obey the Lord. When they disobey their parents, they violate God's will.

Paul's directive is not only placed in a special context, but it is enforced by a special promise. Honour and obedience is not based on the perfection of parents. Mom's and Dad's make mistakes. Nor is

God's directive based on expediency. "If I obey, there will be peace at home." Honour and obey because it is right. This is God's command and His laws are always right and reasonable. Compliance with God's law carries the promise of reward. The context of the promise is prosperity and longevity. How should one understand this promise? While it could imply material prosperity and long life, the sense is probably more qualitative, indicating full and satisfying existence. The general principle here is that obedience to God's law is never grievous but greatly enriches one's life.

## **Directive to Parents**

Just as the responsibility of the wife is not to be detached from the responsibility of the husband, so the directive to the child is





compensate for our permissive society. Over-discipline reflects an extreme which may more readily provoke our children than under-discipline. Foolish or overly rigid rules. Unfair punishment and extreme negativism have been experienced or observed by all of us.

Positively, parents are urged to rear their offspring by training and instructing them in the Lord. This command encompasses example, discipline, and education. In its broadest sense, it includes every necessary influence to take undeveloped life in its raw form and bring it to full potential in order to face life in all its facets. Luke 2:52 suggests a fourfold development of our Lord: spiritual, intellectual, physical and social training. Both in formal and informal ways, parents are to be diligent in teaching their children right views of God, right concepts of law and justice, right views of themselves and right views of the world.

The God-constituted position of parents may be described as "mediators". They are mediators in the sense that God's truth and God's grace are brought to bear upon children most directly through the influence of parents. Parents function as God's prophets, bringing God's revelation to bear upon the whole of their life. Parents are God's priests, praying and interceding for God's salvation in the lives of their children. Parents are God's kings, exercising discipline and bringing the rule of God to bear in the home.

#### Conclusion

The directive of Ephesians 6:1-4 for children and parents places a heavy onus upon all of us because we are either children or parents or both. Where are the resources to be found for this kind of Supra-natural living? Being submissive children or ideal parents does not rest upon natural abilities. Returning to the three imperatives listed at the outset of this article, we need to remind ourselves that God is our model, His truth is our light and His Spirit is our enabler. Availing ourselves of these resources, we can be children and parents who live by God's directives and find them to be God's delights. ■

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accompanied by a directive to parents. Although Paul addresses fathers, his appeal does not preclude the obligations of mothers to children. The call to fathers is consistent with Paul's principle of leadership and initiative residing with the father. Negatively, Paul warns parents "not to provoke your children to wrath". Scripture does not counsel us to always prevent our children from becoming angry. (Note David's failure in this matter. 1 Kings 1:6). Paul's counsel is to avoid needlessly stirring up the passion of anger. In Colossians 3:21, the Apostle adds the consequences of needless provocation to anger. The child can become embittered and discouraged. They can become resentful and give up on the parents. While this resentment can be spontaneous

and temporal, it can be long-range in nature. It may smolder in the child and break forth in adolescence or adulthood. Conceivably, this anger could be vented in hell because of a lack of discipline, teaching and godly example in the home. Exasperating and angering children finds its most common source in discipline. It is not discipline itself but the fact of under-discipline or over-discipline which takes the wind out of the child and causes them to lose heart. Under-discipline may be defined as discipline with no real limits or boundaries. Unannounced rules, constantly changing rules, inconsistent application of rules or divided parental authority are major expressions of under-discipline. Over-discipline is more likely as a concerned parent's attempt to



# Is There A Stranger In Your Home?



A stranger lives in many homes today – often disguised as a friend, a companion, an entertainer, a babysitter. He talks to your children about values,

religion, sex, and violence for nearly 30 hours a week. He teaches them that nothing is so complicated it can't be solved in half an hour.

Chances are, this stranger has an honored place in your home but because he has become so familiar, you tend to overlook him. Who is he? Your television!

## Domination

Our children are growing up in a world dominated by television. A child will have watched five to eight thousand hours of T.V. by the time kindergarten begins and when he reaches the fifth grade more time will have been spent in front of "the tube" than in the classroom from kindergarten through university.

## Supervision

What makes this of real concern is the fact that most parents do absolutely nothing to prepare and assist their children in watching television – to do some critical thinking and evaluating about what they are seeing and the effect it has upon them. T.V. presents a very narrow and secular world and an unsupervised child can come up with some very real distortions about reality, values, and standards. Television is an extremely powerful method of communication and because it sits docile

in our homes we tend to overlook its subtle effects on the minds and hearts of our family.

## Consequences

It has been argued that extensive T.V. viewing produces serious detrimental consequences in the Christian home: it erodes children's intellectual and social development, it undermines parental authority, it reinforces that God is not a way of life, it glorifies man's sin, it stifles creativity, it diminishes verbal skills, and it contributes to the fragmentation of family relationships and a breakdown in family interaction. As a result, some families have chosen not to have a T.V. in their homes. These families report that they are closer and read more than other families, take more walks, spend more time on arts and crafts, and talk to one another more often and more constructively. Other parents feel, however, that with reasonable control over the amount of time spent before the set and the kinds of programs allowed, the entertainment and educational opportunities television affords make it an enhancement to family life.

However, families retaining the set need to realize that T.V. is designed to fascinate, to keep our heads turned to the screen, to sell products. And it does what it sets out to do very well. So anyone who would use secular television programming for constructive purposes has a considerable challenge on their hands.

## The Art of Communication

Parents and children need to learn television's art of communication in much

the same way they learned to read.

Children can be taught to be informed and critical viewers but that means parents have to get involved. They simply can't use the T.V. set as a babysitter. If parents teach their children the facts about television production, why commercials are made, the distinction between fantasy and reality, how staged violence can be dangerous to imitate, what values/stereotypes are being purported, and the like, they would begin to equip their children with the critical skills they need to offset many of the negative factors of television and to help them get the most out of the programs they are allowed to watch.

Television is all around us but most of the time we do not give it much thought – it's an elusive friend that we no longer take seriously. But we must! We must examine what we are not doing because we are watching T.V. We must review the effect it has on the rearing of our children, on the development of our family life, in the formulation of a Christian mind, and in the establishment of our day to day values and lifestyle. ■

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# Stress and the Family



Stress has many definitions. World-renowned stress researcher Dr. Hans Selye describes it simply as the "wear and tear of living". H. Norman Wright, a Christian

counsellor, defines stress as any life situation that chronically bothers, irritates, or upsets you, causing bodily or mental tension. Dr. Selye would call such stress "distress", since not all stress is bad or distressing.

Excessive stress or distress, however, can have negative physical, psychological and spiritual consequences. For example, it may result in fatigue, exhaustion, insomnia, anxiety, depression, drug or alcohol addiction, increased risk of high blood pressure, heart attack or stroke, headaches, ulcers, and spiritual problems like guilt, spiritual dryness, bitterness, and loss of faith.

## Sources of Stress

There are many possible causes of stress. It may be due to some types of organic disease, or to physical factors like insufficient sleep, poor nutrition, and the effects of medications or drugs. It may be associated with particular life events, especially those involving change – for example, moving, marriage, birth of a child, loss of a job, death of a family member or retirement. Temptations and spiritual warfare (cf. Eph. 6:11, 12) can also cause stress. More fundamentally, stress is often the result of ineffective or unbiblical ways of thinking – negative misbeliefs, unbelief and wrong assumptions. It is, therefore, not so much what happens to us but how we think about and react to a life situation that often determines how much distress we will experience.

Some authors are of the opinion that family life is a major source of stress today. Dr. Keith Sehnert, a physician, cites a number of statistics about life in

America that he feels are causing increasing stress, including the following: nearly half of all marriages end in divorce; 40% of all children born in this decade will spend part of their youth in single-parent homes; 20% of all families move each year; and the number of unmarried couples living together has more than doubled since 1960.

## Biblical Perspective

Family stress, however, can be alleviated if Biblical perspectives on marriage, family life and parenting are clearly grasped and applied in Christian homes, and the family is taken seriously as an important priority in our lives. More specifically, effective family communication is essential for overcoming family stress, and Dr. Gary Collins, a Christian psychologist, offers the following guidelines: pick an appropriate time and place to talk, speak in a straightforward manner but avoid using words that hinder communication, be aware of yourself so you can share deeply, listen carefully, be sensitive to feelings (both your own and others'), and communicate with warmth and love.

## The ACT Principle

J. Allan Petersen, another well-known Christian author, has proposed a general formula with three components, which he calls the ACT principle for conquering family stress. The components are: A – Affirm that God has a positive solution or plan; C – Commit yourself to constructive action; and T – Trust God for the ultimate outcome.

## Other Suggestions

There are other more specific ways of overcoming excessive stress and tension in our lives. They include the following: Prayer with thanksgiving (Phil. 4:6,7), and meditation on God's Word or Christian Meditation. We can rejoice in the Lord even when circumstances are difficult (cf. Hab.3:17-19).

Fellowship with other Christians involving open sharing, confession, and prayer (James 5:16).

Tension-reducing methods like progressive muscle relaxation (involving the alternate tensing and relaxing of different muscle groups), pleasant imagery, listening to soothing music, rational or calming self-talk, realistic goal-setting and time management skills. Self-hypnosis and passive meditation are other methods but they are of more dubious value for Christians.

Biblical thinking and visualization (Phil. 4:8) to replace ineffective, unbiblical ways of thinking, by telling yourself the truth, using the Scriptures as the foundation.

Regular exercise, proper nutrition, and adequate sleep and rest.

Balanced lifestyle including taking vacations, and doing fun things which you enjoy.

Medical attention and treatment if organic or medical disease is suspected to be present.

Professional counselling, preferably from a Christian counsellor, if stress continues to be experienced over a prolonged period of time, with obvious negative effects on yourself and your family.

Let me end with two quotations from Dr. Collins' helpful book.

## "You Can Profit From Stress":

"The family can be our greatest source of stress, but it can also be a shelter in a world of stress" (pg. 96). "God still gives...help, strength, and power today, and He is the ultimate solution to the problem of stress" (pg. 216).■

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# Are We Singing Songs To Heavy Hearts?



The fact that marriage and family are ordained and affirmed by God cannot be denied. In a cultural context that radically questions the importance and

value of these institutions, Christians need to assert the Biblical position very forcibly. However, it is possible to take this position to such lengths that any deviations from what is 'normal' are perceived to be unacceptable and undeserving of ministry. The question that needs to be addressed then is: what is 'normal'?

### A Normal Situation?

Jim and Mary were both brought up in Christian homes and were actively involved in an evangelical church. After a few years of dating, they were married, "settled down" in a suburban neighbourhood, and raised two children, Bill and Karen. Bill and Karen accepted the Lord at a young age, and became active in the youth group and camp work. After high school, Bill went to university to pursue a career in medicine, while Karen took an Early Childhood Education course at Community College. With their children grown up, Jim and Mary enjoyed their time together, taking frequent trips and becoming involved in a number of church activities.

How 'normal' is this situation? How would we react to Mary if she were single? What if Bill had turned to drugs and promiscuity? What if Jim and Mary were divorced? What if Karen were killed in a car accident? What if Jim had an affair with his secretary? What if Mary were diagnosed as having cancer? What if Jim lost his job and the family went under financially?

### Sensitivity is Crucial

Although it is hard for some of us to recognize, the happy Christian family (with 2.2 children) who are actively serving the Lord may not be as normative

as we think. Divorce, separation, loss, grief, pain and numerous other realities are simple testimonies to the fact that we live in a world tainted by sin and human frailty. That is not to say that we change our convictions about marriage and the family because of the stark reality of our culture. However, it does suggest that a sensitivity in situations that do not fit the norm, is crucial.

We need to recognize that all situations are opportunities for ministry whether they fit the 'normal' pattern or not. In our preaching, programming, and personal ministry, a sensitivity to the needs of every person must be kept in mind. It is so easy to ignore the potential pain of the single person by asking why someone so attractive has never been married. It is so easy to pronounce, from the pulpit that divorce will ruin your life for God, failing to realize that there may be divorced people in the congregation. It is so easy to give warm and positive stories about marriage and families, failing to realize the pain of some, if not most, of the audience. When Adam and Eve experienced sin and failure, their first reaction was to hide. This response is still characteristic of us all when it comes to our own sin and failure or that of others. However, hiding from those who do not fit the 'normal' pattern is not only disloyal to the ministry example of our Lord, but also makes the difficult situation they are experiencing even worse than it is. It means that the person who is experiencing the cold feels colder and a fermenting situation turns into one that is turbulent.

Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart. (Proverbs 25:20). ■

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*Welcome 1984 Alumni!*

*This year, 62 students graduated from OBC and 44 from OTS.*

*We extend a warm welcome to these graduates into the Alumni Association!*



## REFLECTION ON A YEAR!

Before attending OBC, I was attending university enrolled in pre-medicine studies, which I am planning to resume in September 1984. I never really considered Bible College as something that would be for me...

I began to experience "burn-out" from the pressure of pre-med studies and certain relationships, including my relationship with

God. The amount of faith I had, really began to make me think. It was in this context that one of my close friends suggested that the answer might be to take a "break" for a year and attend Bible College. Of course, I rebelled against this idea. I couldn't have God tampering with my plans at this point, so I kept going ahead with my own plans. However, a series of events led to my own plans falling apart, leaving me with very few options. I was quite crushed at this point and I decided that I was going to have to come to terms with what God was trying to tell me. So, I enrolled at OBC in the one-year program. I didn't suddenly undergo any marvellous miracles or radical transformation, but God has progressively revealed many things to me through my studies, activities, friends, and even some pain. The main thing was the importance of putting Him first and letting His Spirit work through me...

It doesn't matter into what profession God has called me. I

am using my year at OBC as preparation for my higher calling of serving Him. I can see so many possibilities of how God is going to use me in the medical field and how I can serve and glorify Him through it.

When I was in the University of Ottawa being interviewed by the Faculty of Medicine, their very first question was, "How do you see your courses at Ontario Bible College relating to your medical training?" I was able to answer with my Christian conviction of caring for the whole person - both body and soul. But beyond that it really goes a bit further. On my form that the interviewer had, it said, 'Ray Berry, University of Guelph, Pre-Med', but in the eyes of God I'd like it to read, 'Ray Berry, IN TRAINING FOR MINISTRY'.

Ray Berry (One-Year Certificate in Christian Studies '84) - (excerpts from a testimony given at College-for-a-Day in March 1984.) ■

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## BIRTHS

To Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Webster (NANCY PALMER '71-'73) a son, Timothy John, on April 24 in Little Britain, Ont.

To Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Hinton (SHERYL SAUER '76) a son, Gregory Daniel on Jan. 12 in Niagara Falls, Ont.

To Mr. & Mrs. Gary MacDonald, B.R.E. '80 (DENISE MOLNAR, B.R.E. '79) a daughter, Amy Katherine, on Feb. 18, in Stirling, Ont.

Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Rhodes, B.R.E. '68 (RUBY LISK '66-'68) are the adoptive parents of Jessica Faith, born on Jan. 28 in Philadelphia, U.S.A.

To Mr. & Mrs. Michel David, B.Th. '82 (LAURA STEVENS, B.Th. '82) a son, Andrew William, on May 21, in Toronto.

To Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Seabrook, B.Th. '83, a son, Michael David Malcolm, on May 20 in Maynooth, Ont.

To Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bramer, B.Th. '76 (SHARON ORMOND, B.S.M. '76) a daughter, Charity Ruth, on April 9 in Caronport, Sask.

To Mr. & Mrs. Mark Fox (SHIRLEY UNGER, B.R.E. '75) a daughter, Lindsay Joy, on Sept. 16, 1983 in Vancouver, B.C.

## MARRIAGES

Miss Evelyn Stork, B.R.E. '83, to Mr. Howard Knight '79-'84 on May 12 at Grace Baptist Church in Windsor, Ont. Miss Lena Plumber, B.S.M. '84 provided the music.

Miss Nancy Gibson, B.R.E. '81 to Mr. Glen Gibbs on March 3 at Melrose Baptist Church in Toronto. Miss Linda Carr, B.R.E. '81 was the Maid-of-Honour and Mr. Brian Crawford, B.Th. '82 was the organist.

Miss Marilyn Vissers, B.R.E. '84 to Mr. Gordon Moon on June 9 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Toronto. Mrs. John Vissers (LYNN, B.R.E. '82) was the Matron-of-Honour.

Miss Debbie Allan, B.R.E. '83 to Mr. David Paul on May 12 at Ajax Baptist Church, Ont. Miss Mary Gard, B.R.E. '83 and Mrs. Bryan Kliewer (LYNDA, '82-'83 OTS) were the Bridesmaids.

Miss Mary Gard, B.R.E. '83 to Mr. Mark Turner on May 19 at Calvary Missionary Church in Owen Sound, Ont. Mrs. Donald Knechtel (DIANE WASNIDGE '81-'82) was the Matron-of-Honour and Mrs. David Paul (DEBBIE ALLAN, B.R.E. '83) was a Bridesmaid.

Miss Cindy Penner '82-'84 to Mr. Art Rae '81-'84 on June 2 at Fairview Mennonite Brethren Church in St. Catharines, Ont. Miss Jamie Arthur, B.R.E. '84 was a Bridesmaid.

Miss Susan Fehrenbach, B.R.E. '83 to Mr. James Clark, B.Th. '84 on May 19 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Belle River, Ont. Rev. Charles Congram, B.R.E. '68 officiated the ceremony.

## DEATHS

Miss Stella Tofflemire '59-'60 in Brazil, S.A. on May 26 (UFM Int'l).

Rev. Trevor Baetz, B.Th. '68 in Kingston, Ont., on April 15.

Mr. Everett Sedgewick '55 in Norwood, Ont., on Feb. 22.

Miss Mary Kirby '24 in Shelbourne, Ont., on Jan. 15.

Mr. B. Frederick Ramsay '63 in Ottawa, Ont., on May 22.

## OTHER MINISTRIES

Mr. Alex Parachin, B.R.E. '83 is now Minister of Christian Education at Scarborough Gospel Temple in Ont.

Rev. Donald Roth '71 was ordained on June 26 at Community Bible Church in Ajax, Ont.

Miss Norma Jean Cameron, B.R.E. '58 is now on staff at the A.I.M. Home Office in Scarborough, Ont.

Miss Agnes Gaverluk '47 has retired from 35 years of service as secretary at Pioneer Camp.

Miss Beverly Clark '52 has been assigned to work as bookkeeper in the Monrovia Hospital in Liberia (S.I.M.).

Rev & Mrs. Bill Fietje, M.DIV. '84 have returned to Thailand to serve as church planters (O.M.F.).

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Richardson, B.Th. '74 (JOYCE LAMBIE, M.T.S. '79) are now serving with S.I.M. in Nigeria as teachers in the government schools.

Mr. Paul Russell, B.Th., '81; M. DIV. '84 was accepted as a missionary candidate with A.E.F. on May 10.

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Whitehead '70-'71 have returned to Papua New Guinea.

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Hoffmann (SHIRLEY MILLS, B.R.E. '77) returned to Nigeria (S.I.M.) in April.

Rev. Robert Thomas, B.R.E. '75, is now pastoring Rosetown Alliance Church in Sask.

Rev. & Mrs. Ivor Greenslade, B.Th. '52 (RUTH PHILLIPS '51) have returned to Peru, S.A. (A.B.W.E.)

Rev. & Mrs. Donald Wunker, B.Th. '70 returned to serve in the Dominican Republic (U.F.M. Int'l).

Rev. Ravi Zacharias, B.Th., '72 has resigned from the Alliance Theological Seminary in N.Y. and is now serving as President of the Ravi Zacharias Int'l. Ministries, Inc.

Miss Betty Smart, B.R.E. '76 returned to missionary service in Ecuador in May (H.C.J.B.)

Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Ball, B.Th. '75, M.DIV. '80 from Milton, Ont., are now serving at Bunia Theological Seminary in Zaire, Africa. (A.I.M.)

Miss Sharon Cole, B.R.E. '83 is now serving as senior secretary for Workers' Compensation Board in Toronto.



## ALUMNI PROFILES



**JACKIE MACDONALD** (B.Th. '84). It was in 1979, while involved in short-term summer missions work in Europe with Operation Mobilization, that Jackie felt her initial call to full-time Christian service.

Her experiences during 4 years at OBC include – involvement with Evangelism Explosion at her church; Residence Advisor and Vice-President of her class during her second year at OBC; youth leader at her church and a summer internship at Camp Iawah (Ont.); and Vice-President of the Student Council in her final year.

Believing that God called her to a career in missions and youth work, Jackie has committed herself for 2-3 years with the Student Mission Advance, a new organization whose main objective is to rally together Christian students from Canadian campuses to consider their role in world evangelization and the fulfillment of the Great Commission.



**PAUL RUSSELL**. After completing a B.Th. degree from OBC in 1981, Paul completed a Master of Divinity degree at OTS this year. During his years of study at OBC/OTS, Paul served in many areas of ministry. He has been involved with Child Evangelism Fellowship, and the Fellowship Baptist SWIFT program, serving in India. He was Program Coordinator and Program Director for Camp Kakeka (Ont.) for a few years. Paul has worked in Christian Service Brigade in the capacity of Lieutenant, Assistant Captain, Captain, and as a member of the East Toronto Committee.

In 1980-81, Paul ministered at Fellowship Baptist Church in Agincourt as Pastoral Intern. In 1982, he was Interim Pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Scarborough. Until August 1984, Paul ministered as Assistant Pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church in Agincourt.

On May 10, 1984, Paul was accepted as a candidate with Africa Evangelical Fellowship. He is presently doing deputation work and is hoping to leave for Africa in May 1985.



**SHIRLEY BRUSH**, B.R.E. '84. Shirley is the FIRST staff member to enroll and complete a B.R.E. degree while serving full-time at Ontario Bible College.

Her "specialized" training in visuals is extremely beneficial as she serves as Director of the Audio Visual Dept. and conducts seminars in local churches.

Recently, Shirley was appointed as Registrar of the OBC Evening School, a challenging responsibility where approximately 1,200 students are enrolled. Her enthusiasm and love for this ministry is evident to others and undoubtedly shall be beneficial in her new responsibilities at OBC.

# HOMECOMING UPDATE

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THE DATE: October 13, 1984

THE TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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## PROGRAM

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| 10:00 a.m. | GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE,<br>IS DOING <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grad Testimonies</li><li>• Special Music</li><li>• Drama Presentation</li></ul>                                       |
| 12:00 noon | The Homecoming Dinner with special<br>honour for the Class of '34   |
| 2:15 p.m.  | GREAT THINGS HE WILL DO <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alumnus of the Year</li><li>• Presentation of the Class of '34</li><li>• Alumni Choir</li><li>• Speaker: Dr. Wm. J. McRae</li></ul> |
| 3:30 p.m.  | CLASS REUNIONS<br>( '34, '39, '44, '49, '54, '59, '69, '74, '79)  |

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  - Tell your friends and fellow alumni about Homecoming
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# Workaholic or Faithful?



My grandmother was widowed and left alone to raise eight daughters. In those days (before widow's pensions, family allowances and subsidized housing), she

worked day and night to keep her family together and to feed, clothe and educate them. She must have been a "workaholic" – but her children loved and blessed her.

My mother married young and had three children in as many years. She washed and cleaned, cooked and baked, preserved and pickled, sewed and mended before electricity enabled the manufacturers to liberate us from our chores, and the car and supermarket liberated us from the kitchen. She nursed my grandmother for the last three years of her life and still found time to love us and bring us up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Guess she was a workaholic, too!

By the age of eight, my father had lost both his parents. He had to get along on his own and found work as a dishwasher's helper in a large hotel. He rose to be chef. He worked seven days a week from early morning to late evening with Sunday mornings off. He made the hour trip (two streetcars and a bus) each way several times a week to spend a precious hour-and-a-half with us on his afternoon break. Today, he would be considered a "workaholic".

I was asked to write an article on "How to Live with a Workaholic" and it started me thinking. It's easy to complain that a husband works too hard, is too busy – especially if he is involved in Christian work. But I am forced to the realization that we have allowed ourselves to judge the hours a man or woman works by the world's standards. Is a man or woman who works more than the average 5-day week, 8-hour day really a "workaholic"? My husband was called of God as a boy. He disciplined himself to study while developing his gifts of preaching, teaching and writing. He has taken seriously God's commands to those who would follow Him. Should I label him a "workaholic"?

This is my dilemma. There is bound to be tension in any marriage and the demands of the ministry add their own frustrations. You begin with the best of intentions of living a balanced life with time for the Lord's work, your family and friends, and rest and relaxation. But God blesses the faithful ministry. The services double. The meetings triple or quadruple. The evenings and the days off disappear.

Then God calls you to a new work and you move. You promise yourself and your wife and children that in this pastorate you will not let yourself get as involved. Famous last words – because being imperfect men and women living in an imperfect world, trying to meet the demands of family and of God, the reality will always be less than perfect. BUT there is a Biblical way out. At creation, God rested from his labour of love and established for us the principle of a day of rest each week. Difficult as this might be to arrange, it is God's provision against "burnout". Ignoring or disobeying this commandment is to our detriment and the deterioration of our family relationships.

My husband is not working long hours to make a profit for some company or business, or to build up our bank account. He's working long hours to fulfill the ministry God has given him to preach the Word, in season and out of season, and to prepare this generation of men and women to fulfill theirs in the years to come. When I feel resentment building up within me, I need to ask the Lord to lift me up to where He sits, and allow me to see the part He has privileged us to have in the building of His body, the Church.

Dr. Henry Budd said recently to an SIM Conference for missionaries: "God's work is done by overworked people – people who are willing to go beyond the point of comfort." I need to learn to say "Amen, so be it Lord". ■

*Mrs. Ninette Di Gangi is the wife of Dr. Mariano Di Gangi who is Professor of Pastoral Studies at OTS. He is also the Canadian Director of the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship and an Evangelist at Large for the Presbyterian Church of Canada.*



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# Sex Education Helps For Parents



Most parents agree that sex education is their responsibility. Many of them fail, however, due to a lack of confidence, information, and/or appropriate timing.

Listed below are currently available evangelical works which are intended to guide parents in their role as sex educators. Some are more successful than others in integrating Biblical ethics with positive sex instruction. Endorsement of every viewpoint represented is not intended, but most parents would be wise to enrich their thinking with some of these books.

Amstutz, H. Clair. *Growing up to Love: A Guide to Sex Education for Parents.* Herald Press, 1966, 112 pp. Primarily

valuable for its excellent presentation of a Christian philosophy of sex education.

Buth, Lenore. *Sexuality: God's Precious Gift to Parents and Children.* Concordia, 1982. Intended for use with the publisher's series of five books: for ages 3-5, 6-8, 8-11, 11-14 and 14 and up.

Dominian, Jack. *Growth of Love and Sex.* Eerdmans, 1984, 91 pp. Helpful for understanding sexual development and encouraging healthy personality growth, but some value judgments depart from Biblical norms.

Howell, John C. *Teaching Your Child about Sex.* Broadman, 1983, 118 pp. Designed for use with the publisher's series of four books: for 6-8 year olds, 9-11 year olds, junior highs and senior highs.

Ketterman, Grace H. *How to Teach Your Child About Sex.* Revell, 1981, 188 pp. Dealing with one's own sexual attitudes as

a parent is the major contribution of this guide to sex education from infancy through adolescence.

Leman, Kevin. *Smart Girls Don't and Guys Don't Either.* Regal, 1982, 152 pp. A popular-level approach to sex education in the adolescent years.

Scanzoni, Letha. *Sex is a Parent Affair.* Bantam, 1982, 238 pp. Probably the best single source of information and guidance for Christian parents. Suggests age-appropriate approaches for each topic. Well-indexed for later reference. ■

Mr. Jim Johnson is the Librarian for OBC/OTS and the father of five children. He will be teaching an OBC Evening School diploma course (on the Willowdale Campus) entitled "Sex Education in the Home" on Thursdays, September 13 through October 18, 1984.

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## FAMILY NIGHT

For many years, Wednesday evening was Family Night in our home. Everyone was committed to being home together that one night of the week. (Our mid-week church was on Thursday evenings.) We lingered over supper. No one rushed away to meet a schedule. For a change, we just sat and chatted together.

Sometimes the evening was free for fun and games. Our family has always enjoyed this kind of thing. A warm fire in the fireplace made our family room cozy. We always strove for creativity and variety in our activities which would include games, family television programs or discussions on work projects. A special snack of chocolate chip cookies made by one of our daughters or occasionally pizza ordered in from a neighbourhood store highlighted the evening.

There were times, of course, when exams and assignments forced a change in the program. Even on those evenings, however, our Family Night was honoured. As much as possible, we read or studied in the family room.

For two years, one hour of our Family Night was reserved for taking our children through a doctrinal discipleship program in which we studied, memorized, practice taught and prayed together.

As our family has grown up, so our individual commitments to the Lord and to each other have deepened. These are the dividends from those Wednesday night investments. ■

*Dr. Wm. J. McRae, President of OBC/OTS*

## SAVING TIME FOR THE FAMILY

Sometimes I feel like I'm running a shuttle service to church. Music rehearsals, special programs, youth activities... "always abounding in the work of the Lord!"

Many Christian families know the frustration of an overcrowded weekly schedule. It seems someone is at church every night and the family is never together.

Bramalea Baptist has addressed itself to this problem over the past decade by instituting a Wednesday Family Night. As many activities as possible are consolidated together into one evening.

Our Family Night includes four graded children's choirs, a hot meal for \$1.50, Christian Service Brigade (in local schools), Pioneer Girls, Kids' Club, Nurseries, Prayer Meeting, elective Bible Studies and/or training programs for Adults, and Youth Bible Studies, all in the space of about 3 hours. Afterwards there is still a vocal ensemble rehearsal and occasional committee meetings.

No doubt Family Night has helped ease some of the pressure. There are still ladies' and men's meetings on occasional Monday evenings, visitation and Evangelism Explosion training on Tuesday, Youth Night and Adult Choir combine on Thursday and, of course, Friday and Saturday are often booked with socials and special activities. Then there are those Committee and Board meetings to be whenever possible. But few families are involved on more than two or three weekdays.

Yes, I'm all for the Family Night concept – even expanding it to two nights. But I would like to see one major change. The name should be something like ACTIVITY NIGHT, and one night each week should be designated for the family – a REAL FAMILY NIGHT – not at church, but AT HOME, where the family as a unit can be encouraged to communicate meaningfully and lovingly with each other.

Maybe it would allow me more of a chance to be a father and not just a shuttle service operator. ■

*Mr. Dave Gast, Minister of Music, Bramalea Baptist Church, Bramalea, Ontario.*

## SINGLENESS WITH CONTENTMENT IS A GIFT



It is customary to assume that a gift-giver is a person who loves and especially cares; one who knows you well and has chosen something special. It is not unusual,

however, to sometimes wish a different gift had been given or to desire a seemingly nicer gift chosen for another.

Discontentment, a trend of our times, appears characteristically human.

Marrieds envy singles; singles envy marrieds. It is a dissatisfaction that robs life of its joyful sense of fulfillment. The "grass may look greener" elsewhere, but in dreaming of elusive possibilities, we lose the beauty and meaning of the present.

The apostle Paul recognized both married and single life. A study of 1 Corinthians 7 reveals that both have meaning, purpose and potential in and for the will of God. The accepted, actualized will of God is a very special gift of His love and grace. There is no need for apology, envy or pity. They are only elements that facilitate comfortableness and destroy relationships.

Singles appreciate sensitive awareness and acceptance – awareness that they too have a home and home-life with a need for personal time to develop relationships which may occur primarily outside the home; acceptance – as a member of the immediate, extended or adopted family. Family relationships and responsibilities promote a personal development that prevents life from stagnating, turning inward or becoming destructively self-centered.

Recognized togetherness and oneness in our Lord dissolves defensiveness, eliminates envy, removes pity, builds friendships, and honors God whose way and will is perfect. ■

Let us therefore encourage one another through His Spirit, ministering together in the unifying bond of Christ.

*Miss Nancy Black is a Professor of Christian Education at OBC.*

## Sexual Sanity: Breaking Free From Uncontrolled Habits

by Earl D. Wilson.  
Inter-Varsity, 1984, 144 pp.  
\$6.45 (Can.)

How the dominant sexual values of society lead to unfulfilled sexuality, and a sustained defense of the Christian ethic of monogamous marriage are major contributions of this book written by a Christian psychologist and seminary professor.

It is recommended for married Christians who find themselves being lured into the world of sexual fantasy and obsession for sexual satisfaction outside the marriage relationship. How this type of thinking commonly develops and where it leads is helpfully analyzed; and a practical behavioral modification approach is suggested for overcoming these temptations. Central to this approach is that one must learn to savour the experiences one actually has, rather than getting involved in what will prove to be a never-ending search for yet greater fulfillment.

The book will not prove very helpful for the unmarried Christian who experiences strong sexual desire, however, because of its vague and contradictory approach to accepting one's sexuality as a gift from God while unmarried. The author correctly holds that right behaviour must be substituted for wrong behaviour, but fails to define or illustrate what would constitute right substitute behaviour, instead

disapproving of all the options considered. The author seems to assume that all Christians have the ability for self-control possessed by those with the gift for celibacy, despite the fact that he recognizes that not everyone is so gifted. Consequently, despite the positive apologetic value of the book, its message for the immediate situation of those who are not married is negative and somewhat confusing. ■

*Jim Johnson*  
OBC/OTS Librarian.

## A Generation Under Seige

by Brian Stiller. Victor Books, Scripture Press, 1983, 137 pp. \$6.45 (Can.)

Here is a very easy-to-read book that is "must" reading for parents and church leaders who need a better understanding of the pressures and issues confronting young people today.

Brian Stiller has a good understanding of young people and has helpfully highlighted many of the characteristics of today's youth culture as well as dealing with some pertinent youth issues – sexual behaviour, alcohol/drugs, incest, cults, suicide, family, television – and a parent's response to them.

This is not intended to be an all encompassing analysis – it is only a beginning – but certainly it is a valuable and manageable starting place. ■

*Mr. John H. Wilkinson,*  
OBC Faculty

## The Misunderstood Man: Why Men Suffer and What Can Be Done About It

by Walter Trobisch. Inter-Varsity, 1983, 102 pp.  
\$5.25 (Can.)

The late Walter Trobisch provides a rare man-to-man talk on the emotional traumas of male sexuality, the various roles men adopt to cope with them, and how one's relationship to God affects the lifelong process of learning to express one's masculinity in more Christlike ways. Not everyone will appreciate some of the Freudian explanations. And not every man will identify with the problems he pinpoints. But the author's openness in expressing the inner turmoils of manhood cannot but help men to better understand themselves. It might help their wives better understand them, too! ■

*Jim Johnson,*  
OBC/OTS Librarian

## Sightings in the Valley of the Shadow

by Balfour M. Mount. Inter-Varsity, 1983, 128 pp.  
\$12.95 (Can.)

A time to be born and a time to die – both are meaningful! The author, a Canadian doctor, reflects on the reality of death from both the objective and subjective perspectives. He saw patients die and now – his mother. This book is his ministry to her in the decreasing weeks of life.

The reader walks through the cycle of emotional experience.

Interactive reflections explore the reality of Scriptural truth. The author concretely verbalizes the painful confusion of loss, the life-suffering-death reality and the Holy Spirit's ministry to pain. This book provides a vicarious cathartic release for the empathic reader. ■

*Miss Nancy Black,*  
OBC Faculty

## How God Gave Us the Bible

by W. Harold Reid. Welch, 1982, 98 pp., \$6.95 (Can.)

Reid has admirably condensed a vast field of information into a short, well-written volume which tells how the books of the Bible came to be written down, selected, grouped together, and translated into English. He evaluates the major translations from Tyndale to the NIV, and presents his personal criteria for a good translation. He avoids complex and detailed analyses, and although there are minor deficiencies (such as an inadequate definition of textual criticism), the work is valuable and worth purchasing. It will most readily appeal to adult lay people, first year college students, and pastors who need a quick refresher. ■

*Rev. John Kessler,*  
OBC/OTS Faculty



# TESTIMONIES



## FAITHFUL SERVANTS

My family heritage is one of a long line of men and women who have given themselves to full-time Christian ministry. These include great-grandparents and other family members who served as missionaries in China, several of them giving their lives in the prison camps there; grandparents who gave thirty-eight years as pastor (J.J. Roberts, T.B.C. 1918) and wife of the same church; parents (John & Audrey Roberts, T.B.C. 1949) who have also served almost forty years in pastoral ministry; one brother (Timothy Roberts, O.B.C. 1975), along with his family, on the mission field in Colombia, S.A. and another brother and family pouring themselves into local church service. These, along with others, have been a channel of inspiration through which God has challenged me to give myself in like service to Him. As servants of Christ, they have evidenced many godly qualities of which, to me, the most significant is faithfulness (1 Cor. 4:1,2). My family has exemplified the essence of Christlike servanthood, that of faithful selfless giving. ■

*David Roberts graduated from OBC in April 1984 with a B.R.E. in Pastoral Studies. In doing so, he joined his brother as a third generation graduate of the College. He*

*and his wife Sandy (Janzen), B.R.E. '83, are presently serving as Recruitment Representatives for OBC/OTS.*



## FAMILY

As I find myself in a world which does not seem to care about Christianity, and sometimes with Christians who do not seem to care about compromise, I am grateful for my family, and treasure my parents. Their effect upon me is immediate, and will continue as long as I live. The road that they have travelled has been one of self-sacrifice and servanthood. The road has been grooved by cares and broken by heartache and loss. I was able to watch while God, with my father and mother, smoothed down the grooves and built bridges over the broken places. In the sometimes rut of everyday life, the temptation occurs to take a greener path, to find another way, to experience independence from accountability to our loving, understanding God. The love of my parents keeps me from veering toward that fatal, awful walkway. God has built their bridges – has been their all in all. God has required their everything and has blessed in abundance. I could ask for no greater peace than to know that my life and those of my own family will

be so devoted to the service and plan of the Lord. How has my family life affected my future? I pray that, in Christ Jesus, it will become my future. ■

*Jacki Kelly is entering her third year of a Bachelor of Sacred Music degree as a vocal major at OBC. Her father, a former field missionary, teaches theology and strategy of missions at Ontario Theological Seminary and her mother is establishing an outreach ministry among the native people of Toronto.*



## WITH CHRIST AS MODEL

There are endless possibilities! God has blessed me with such an extraordinarily loving, trusting, caring, unegalistic family that there are numerous topics I could write on. Yet, one of the most admirable and crucial aspects of the rapport within the family definitely comes from the model of my parents: They submit to one another out of reverence for Christ (Eph. 5:21). My father is not threatened by my mother's incredible strengths and abilities, and he loves her as Christ loves the Church by allowing her and encouraging her to exercise her own gifts as she is led. My father exhibits a rare humility before all of us. With such servant leadership in the house, he truly models the kind of

"Headship" that Christ gives. There is no tyranny or power trips or heavy authority lines. There is a mutual respect and graciousness which fosters a wonderfully relaxed, tensionless atmosphere which is perfect for the growth of each individual. Rebellion never enters one's mind when parents model Christlikeness in a way that makes it desirable in the lives of their children. That glorifies God! ■

*Laura Binkley is a graduate of the University of Toronto and has just completed the Masters of Theological Studies at O.T.S. She is considering Youth Ministries in a campus setting as a way of serving her King.*

## A GIFT FROM GOD

I thank God that out of the millions of families in the world, He chose to place me in a home that has God at the centre. My parents' desire and zeal to serve the Lord, eventually took them to the mission field of Pakistan.

Phrases such as "sense of adventure", "flexibility", and "joie de vivre" aptly describe my parents. They have the ability to create an exciting and learning atmosphere wherever we go as a family. By their example they have taught us to make the best of every situation. This has expanded my horizons and outlook on life most effectively. As a family, we have learned together to be flexible and treat life for what it is – a gift from God, to be discovered and shared. ■

*Debbie Wright is entering her third year of studies in the Bachelor of Theology degree program at OBC.*



# OBC/OTS CALENDAR

**September 1-2**  
OBC Student Leadership  
Training Session  
**September 4-7**  
OBC Freshmen Orientation  
**September 6-7**  
OBC Registration  
OTS Registration and  
Orientation  
**September 10**  
OBC Day Classes – Fall Term  
Begins  
OTS Day Classes – Fall Term  
Begins  
OTS Continuing Education  
Division – Fall Term Begins  
**September 10, 11, 13**  
OBC Evening School  
Registration – College Credit  
Division – Fall Semester Begins

**September 11, 13**  
OBC Evening School  
Registration – Diploma  
Division – Part I - Fall  
Semester  
**September 12**  
OBC/OTS Convocation  
Service – Hooper Chapel –  
10:00 a.m.  
OBC 90th Birthday Party on  
Main Campus – 2:00 to 7:00  
p.m.  
**September 15**  
Student/Faculty Picnic  
**September 17-21**  
Spiritual Life Conference  
**September 29**  
1984 Annual Meeting of  
OBC/OTS Board and  
Corporation - 10:00 a.m.

**October 13**  
OBC/OTS Alumni  
Homecoming  
**October 20**  
OBC Parent's Day  
**October 24**  
OTS Day of Prayer  
**October 23, 25**  
OBC Evening School  
Registration – Diploma  
Division – Part II - Fall  
Semester  
**October 31**  
OBC Day of Prayer

**November 5**  
Camping Day  
**November 8, 9**  
Founders' Days

**November 8**  
Shaping Tomorrow Banquet  
for Board/Corporation/  
Faculty/Staff/Friends  
**November 9**  
Shaping Tomorrow Banquet  
for Parents and Alumni  
**November 13**  
OTS Reach the City  
Conference  
**November 15, 16**  
Reading Days

**December 10-14**  
OTS Final Exams for Fall  
Term  
**December 10**  
OBC Reading Day  
**December 11-14**  
OBC Final Exams for Fall  
Term

## REACH THE CITY & PASTORS' AND SPOUSES' CONFERENCE

**Tuesday, November 13, 1984**

The next Reach the City Conference will be held at Ontario Theological Seminary on Tuesday, November 13, with the theme 'The City and the Ministry of the Future'.

The leader will be Dr. Tom Sine of Seattle who is one of the creative Christian "futurists" of our day, and whose book *The Mustard Seed Conspiracy* has been so widely noticed. He directs research and planning for World Concern, a Christian development agency, teaches at the University of Washington and Seattle Pacific University, and is a member of University Presbyterian Church. Tom

Sine will be speaking from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., and from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

During the day Dr. Dan Kelly, professor of missions at O.T.S., together with some of his students, will be presenting intensive Church Growth studies which have been made of certain carefully selected and varied areas of greater Toronto. It is intended that these studies will not only provide widely representative information, but that they will be models as well of how such important research may be done on a localized level.

The conference will begin at 9:15 a.m. with registration commencing at 8:00 a.m.,

and will conclude at 8:30 p.m. The cost will be \$7.00 per person, and meals may be secured in the Cafeteria or you may bring your own. Reach the City will prove of value to any person concerned about Christian outreach, so pastors and lay people, men, women and young people are all welcome. ■

*Dr. Ian Rennie, Dean of OTS*

### Pastors' and Spouses' Conference

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon MacDonald of Grace Chapel, Lexington, Massachusetts will be featured in the OBC/OTS Pastors' Conference scheduled for January 21 - 23, 1985. Their ministry has been

instrumental in the conversion and edification of many, both within their growing congregation and beyond it. Seminar/workshops are also planned to deal with subjects such as: Psychology and Pastoral Counselling; Preaching on Contemporary Social Issues; Making the Smaller Church Effective; Interpreting and Communicating the Word; Missionary Education in the Church; Coping with Problems in Your First Parish; Leadership and Congregational Management. The Conference is open to pastors and spouses, church workers, and students. Program details to follow.  
*Dr. Mariano Di Gangi,  
OTS Faculty*

## ALUMNI IN ACTION



Our featured Alumnus in this issue is Gordon W. Dorey '57, a long time friend and colleague.

He attended LCBM and graduated with a diploma in Pastoral Studies in 1949 and a B.Th. degree in 1957.

"The studies I took at LCBM, the faculty who trained me, and the opportunity for Christian service were used of God to make a profound impression upon me. These things shaped my future life and ministry. Without question, my time at the College deepened my desire to study the Word of God and my desire to make that Word known."

From 1950-57, he pastored Faith Gospel Church in Hamilton, Ontario. The next year, he took studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, then returned to Hamilton to pastor his home church, Garside Bible Church. While

ministering at Garside he served for two years as President of the Associated Gospel Churches of Canada.

In 1965, he was invited to TBC to be the Director of the Pastoral Studies Dept. At various times, he also filled the positions of Dean of Men, Dean of Students, Director of Evening School, and Registrar. Furthermore, while at OBC he completed his Master of Arts degree at Chicago School of Theology. After 15 years at OBC, he accepted the invitation to serve as Director of Church Ministry for Far Eastern Gospel Crusade (now SEND Int'l).

In June 1983, he received the degree of Doctor of Ministry from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

His life and ministries have been shared with his lovely wife, Norma, and their dedication to Christian service has been passed on to their children, who are also active in missions. ■

*Written by Dr. Douglas Percy '36, former Chairman of the Missions Department and Director of Public Relations at OBC. Former editor of the Evangelical Recorder. Now retired.*



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## Focus on Canada Part VI

For several issues, this column has been examining various aspects of Christian life and witness in Canada. Let us now focus on the Christian impact among recent immigrants, particularly the Chinese.

Today, the Chinese community in Canada numbers several hundred thousand, with the largest concentration within an 80-mile radius of Toronto. Some of our Chinese immigrants of recent years were vital Christians when they arrived, but these comprised only a tiny proportion of the whole. Others had attended schools with a certain Christian orientation in Hong Kong and Singapore, and although in many cases there was no personal knowledge of Jesus Christ, there was frequently a respect for Christianity and a certain framework of Christian teaching. Most, however, knew little or nothing of the Christian faith when they embarked for Canada. Then came the agonizing months and years of immigrant upheaval – the dislocation, the strangeness, the questioning, the uncertainty, the loneliness, and the fear. But when God determines to show His love in a special way, He often does so against such a background.

### Search For Meaning

Amid this pain the grace of God reached into many Chinese lives, particularly among young people. In the depths of personal struggle, the deepest questions surfaced and the search for the meaning of life was embarked upon. Over and over again as I read the applications of Chinese students now living in Canada coming to Ontario Theological Seminary the story is the same – the search for meaning that led to Jesus Christ. And in this context, some Christians ministered most effectively.

Those who have reached out to the newcomers have been a varied group. There were mature pastors such as the apostolic Augustus Chao, who moved across Canada establishing Chinese congregations for the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and whose penetrating and powerful ministry always seemed to evoke a response. There were Canadians who had formerly been missionaries to China. And, of course, there were young Chinese Christians themselves. Chinese Christianity had known touches of awakening in this century through such ministries as that of



John Sung in mainland China and among the Chinese communities of south-east Asia during the thirties, and in the forties among university students just before the Communist take-over. And much of this spirit remained, with effective outreach as the inevitable result.

### Local Congregations

With the response particularly among the young, immigrants were invited to conferences, youth gatherings, and worship services in which the newcomer would often feel at home since most of the congregation were his own age. Soon the Chinese churches were growing at an unprecedented rate. The Toronto Chinese Baptist Church grew from nothing to over 1,000 in the last seventeen years, with Andrew Wong, an OTS graduate, as pastor. The North York Chinese Baptist Church, not far from OTS, is close behind in growth, and here many of our Chinese students intern under the Rev. Hay-Him Chan, who before coming to Canada was a leader in the IVCF in Hong Kong, and one of the founders of the China Graduate School of Theology. There is the Toronto Chinese Presbyterian Church with a large English-speaking as well as Cantonese-speaking congregation, pastored by the youthful Tom Eng whose wife is an OBC grad and whose pastoral assistant studies at OTS. Then there is the Chinese Community Church, and so many more in the Toronto area alone. And many have large numbers of young people actively involved.

There are also the specialized ministries

such as Ambassadors for Christ, which ministers to high school and university students and regularly has many hundreds in attendance at their conferences where conversions and growth in Christ are the order of the day. There is the Eastern Canadian Chinese Christian Youth Conference held each Labour Day weekend at Trent University in Peterborough, with hundreds of live young Christians in attendance, and similar conferences occur throughout Canada at various times of the year. In fact, in some cities where there is not yet a Chinese Christian congregation, students have already banded themselves together into a Chinese Christian Fellowship.

### Wonderful Dedication

Today many of these young Christians display a wonderful dedication. The reality of their personal consciousness of the love of Jesus Christ has been channelled into devoted service through warm fellowship, meaningful instruction, and challenging example. Christian stability and strength is also enhanced by the relative maturity of Chinese character which draws upon healthy family background and a cultural inheritance which emphasizes diligence and excellence. Added to this is a widespread intellectual rigour and a high valuation placed upon education. In such a setting, Christian growth frequently forges ahead.

Thus many Chinese congregations have numbers of young people displaying these characteristics. That many of these young people are preparing themselves for





specific Christian ministries, is also seen in the fact that at Ontario Theological Seminary 20% of our full-time students are from the Chinese community. In coming days, these people will be ministering in the many Chinese congregations in Canada – there are over forty in Metro Toronto alone, plus house churches – as well as in Asia and other parts of the world.

#### A Blessing

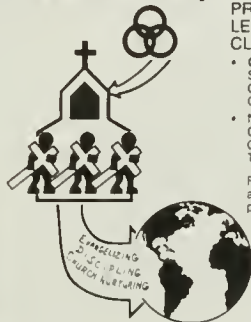
I believe that this generation of Chinese Christians is also going to make a particular contribution to Canadian Christianity in general. The days of the cultural ghetto are passing. They are moving into contact with the wider Christian community, and wherever this happens others are challenged to faith, vision, prayer and devotion. Soon they will be moving into positions of leadership in denominational and parachurch organizations, bringing with them their enormous gifts of person, mind, and spirit. This may be the greatest gift God has in store in the immediate future for Canadian Christianity. The work of missions will have come full circle with the progeny being used to revive the historically "sending" church. May God enable us to be open to receive this blessing. ■

*Dr. Ian Rennie is Dean of OTS.*

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